

Senate Resolution 1532

By: Senators James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Sims of the 12th and Buckner of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Solomon Desmond Tutu; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Dr. Solomon Desmond Tutu on April 15, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Tutu was born on May 13, 1949, in Calabar, Nigeria, a beloved son of
5 Bassey Ironbar and Iguro Ironbar; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from DeVry Institute of
7 Technology; master's degrees in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and
8 education from Tuskegee University; and a doctoral degree in electrical engineering from
9 Tuskegee University; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Tutu was a producer on *People's Television for International Trends and*
11 *Intercessory Teaching* with Victoria's Chapel and was the CEO of In Living Relative
12 Incorporation and Sons and Daughters of Zion; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was the owner and operator of Tutu Cash Solutions and America's Realty,
14 taught for the Atlanta Public School System, and served as an adjunct professor at
15 Chattahoochee Technical College; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Dr. Tutu was a member of Concerned Black Clergy of Atlanta, was inducted
17 into the Multi-Cultural Sports Hall of Fame, and was a faithful member of Chapel Hill
18 Harvest Church in Decatur; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
23 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
24 made this world a better place in which to live; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Tutu will long be remembered for his
26 love of family and friendship, and this loyal community leader, neighbor, and friend will be
27 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Solomon Desmond Tutu and express their
30 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Solomon Desmond
33 Tutu.